

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-6 have been cancelled and claims 7-21 have been added. Claims 7-21 are pending and under consideration.

The objection to the drawings is overcome by the present amendments.

The rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph is now discussed. It is the Examiner's position that it is unclear where the housing ends and the machine room begins, and that Figs. 1 and 2 show a different location (presumably for the ending/beginning of the machine room) than Figs. 3 and 4. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

It is noted that the housing is a cabinet defining an interior space, and a machine room is defined in an upper portion of the interior space. Specification, p. 4. Thus, the machine room is in the housing. There is no ending/beginning relationship between the housing and machine room, as the Examiner appears to believe. Instead, the machine room is defined by the housing itself. When the figures are viewed in the context of these elements not ending/beginning, the consistency between the figures is apparent. For example, in Fig. 1, the numerals 12 and 20 for the housing and machine room, respectively, are not exclusive elements. As noted by the dashed line associated with numeral 20, the machine room is within the housing.

The Examiner further states that it is unclear which housing, space and door is referred to in claim 1. This rejection is now discussed with respect to claim 7. Only a single housing and space defined therein are discussed in the Specification. Furthermore, claim 7 recites a machine room door.

The rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, are overcome by the present amendments.

The double patenting rejection is acknowledged. However, it is noted that the provisionally rejected claims have been cancelled.

The rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 are now discussed.

Using independent claim 7 as an example, this claim recites a grill to protect various machines installed in the machine room and having through holes. It is respectfully submitted that the cited references do not teach this feature. Furthermore, dependent claim 8 recites a chassis formed with openings enabling communication between the machine room and the chassis.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

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There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.


Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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